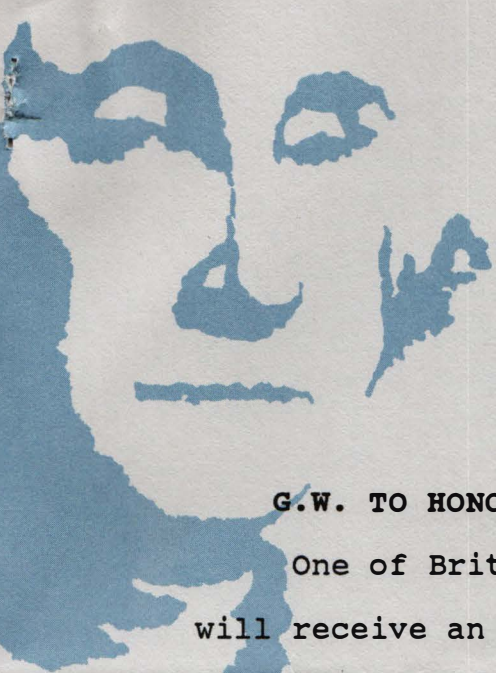




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G.W. TO HONOR BRITISH LUMINARY, HISTORIAN ASA BRIGGS

One of Britain's most eminent historians, Lord Asa Briggs, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from The George Washington University at a special convocation in his honor at 6 p.m. Friday, January 29.

In his convocation address, Lord Briggs will discuss "Victorian Inventions: The Imaginative Response to New Technology." The event, which is open to the public, will be held in the Marvin Center Theatre, 800 21st Street, NW.

Briggs is being honored for his distinguished writings and insights into British cultural, social and communications history. The Provost of Worcester College, Oxford, England since 1976, and Chancellor of Britain's widely-acclaimed Open University since 1978, Briggs is widely recognized for his important works on British society, communications, education, labor history and technology.

His 1983 book, "A Social History of England" has been described as covering British history "from the Stone Age to Mrs. Thatcher." The book is seen as a successor to G.M. Trevelyan's classic survey of the same theme. Lord Briggs has also written five volumes on the history of broadcasting in the United Kingdom, as well as "The BBC: The First Fifty Years," (1985).

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Briggs is known for his path-breaking studies of the 19th century world. His books on Victorian England include: "Victorian People," (1954); and "Victorian Cities," (1963). He recently completed the trilogy with a volume called "Victorian Things."

Vigorously involved in scholarly writing, research and in public life, Lord Briggs was elevated to "life peerage" in 1976--a great honor held by few Britains--which entitles him to sit in England's House of Lords.

He has been President of the Social History Society of Great Britain since 1976, and a Trustee of England's Glyndebourne Arts Trust for 20 years.

A Fellow of the British Academy and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he has received numerous honorary degrees from British, Canadian and American universities.

In 1975, he won the Marconi Medal for his work in communications history, and in 1979, was awarded a medal from the French Foundation of the Architectural Academy for his work on heritage education.

Lord Briggs is currently a Gannett Senior Fellow at Columbia University in New York, where he is researching the historical inter-relationship between American and British broadcasting.

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25 Second Public Service Announcement:
(Run through January 29)

**PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND CEREMONY HONORING BRITISH
LUMINARY, ASA BRIGGS**

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY INVITES
RESIDENTS OF THE D.C. METRO AREA TO ATTEND A
PUBLIC CEREMONY FOR ONE OF BRITAIN'S MOST
EMINENT HISTORIANS, LORD ASA BRIGGS.

THE EVENT TAKES PLACE AT 6 P.M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, IN GW'S MARVIN CENTER
THEATER, 21ST AND H STREETS, NW. LORD BRIGGS
IS WIDELY KNOWN FOR HIS WORKS ON THE HISTORY
OF BRITISH COMMUNICATIONS, CULTURE AND
SOCIETY. SPONSORED BY GEORGE WASHINGTON, THE
EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CENTRAL AMERICAN AMBASSADORS TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR PEACE AT G.W. COLLOQUIUM

WHAT: A special colloquium, "Prospects for Peace" in Central America, will feature speeches by the five Central American ambassadors to the United States whose countries signed the Arias peace plan last summer. The speeches will be followed by a question and answer period.

Maurice East, dean of GW's School of International Affairs (SIA), will moderate.

WHO: Five Central American ambassadors to the United States: Ambassadors Carlos Tunnerman (Nicaragua); Oscar Padilla-Vidaurre (Guatemala); Ernesto Rivas-Gallant (El Salvador); Guido Fernandez (Costa Rica) and Roberto Martinez-Ordonez (Honduras).

WHEN: 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 2

WHERE: The George Washington University
Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, The Marvin Center
800 21st Street, NW
(a short walk from the Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro)

COST: FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

This program is sponsored by George Washington's Program Board and the School of International Affairs.

For public information, call George Washington's Program Board, (202) 994-7313.

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